

### New Exercise Class Opens

Norman Playground will open new Women's Exercise Classes on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. It was announced Saturday by Director Alice M. Dunbar.

Body balancing is the new 1956 theme, Miss Dunbar said. The class will aid the ladies in their efforts to lose, gain, or maintain weight.

A new children's song and dance class to be held on Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. also was announced for Normandale. Classes will be open to children from preschool age to junior high students.



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### Dinner Party Becomes Buffet as New Dining Set Fails to Arrive

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Helen Allison will tell you that feeding 16 adults can create a problem when the dining room suite you were sure would be delivered for Christmas doesn't show up.

However, the Cannath Adamsons, Ray Adamsons, Jim Farrows, Roy Allison, Mmes. Ruth Jenks and Frank Hansen, the Jerry Allison, and Mrs. Maude Lester enjoyed the buffet amidst the beautiful white and silver appointments.

Two brave gals, Barbara Simmons and Genevieve McDonald, took their children to the Tournament of Roses Parade while fathers watched the game on TV.

The Adamsons and McDonalds spent New Year's Eve at a party at the Sea Food Grotto and could be that is proof that the female is the stronger of the species.

The holidays are over leaving happy memories of parties, family gatherings, and happy moments.

At the Ed Mallouss home,

2627 W. 176th St., Santa Claus left a very tangible reminder, a dog named "Pepper" that the whole neighborhood has taken to its heart. Pepper is part scottie among other things.

A great many witnessed the arrival in North Torrance, of Santa Claus via helicopter. It was a thrill for both young and old.

Though we missed it, we hear that the pageant put on during Christmas week by a local church on Yukon Ave. was exceptional. Certainly, their manager, with life size figures, was one of the finest I have ever seen.

Among the holiday parties, was that of the Reese Holbrooks, of 17312 Cerise Ave., whose home, particularly the windows in their new den, had been artistically decorated by Mrs. Holbrook. They held open house for friends.

The Stitch and Chatter Club report a wonderful Christmas party at Verburg's rumpus room.

Forty-five attended and exchanged Christmas presents. Mrs. Robert Clark was in charge of arrangements.

Virginia and Eldon Morgan, of 17002 Glenburn Ave., attended a pre-Christmas party given by his firm at Darcley's Kitchen.

Cub Scout Pack 761C held its annual Christmas party at Gardena Youth Center. In charge of arrangements was Wendell Towell. Bob Taylor directed the act put on by the committeemen, while Mrs. Gerald Cunnerty directed and wrote the skit put on by the Den Mothers. J. Herman Cortez was master of ceremonies.

While the ladies of the chorus, enacted by Johnny Miller and Bob Taylor, were charming, Bob Thomas was indeed a credible Bing Crosby!

The Cub Mothers Clubs of Packs 761C and 738C united in presenting the Cub Scouts with a Christmas gift. They arranged for a special showing of "The Wizard of Oz" currently produced by the Gardena Theater Guild at St. Anthony's Auditorium, in Gardena.

Those who saw it were so inspired with the performance that many of the Cub Scouts are thinking seriously of joining the group.

Christmas dinner was celebrated in traditional gatherings all over town. The Norman Brijffys, however, decided to float up to northern California for their family reunion in Los Molinos.

They saw the very worst of the flood, driving even on roads that were closed.

Fourteen attended the family reunion and back home safe, at 2711 W. 176th St., they felt it was well worth it.

Connie and Ralph Gastelum, of 17505 Ermanita Ave., decided that what others had done before, they could do too! They embarked on a day long job of making tamales for their New Year's Eve guests.

Eating Mexican food were Ruth and Wendell Towell, Millie and John Osnes, Ruth and Pete Bruce, Sara and Red Bramlett, Mary and Ray Krumwiede, Maxine Crosley, Neva Wiess, and Jean Nelson.

### Whittier Savings Acquires American Savings & Loan



S. MARK TAPER  
Savings Firm Expands

S. Mark Taper, chairman of the Board of Whittier Savings and Loan Assn., this week announced the acquisition of the facilities of American Savings & Loan Assn. and Intervalley Savings and Loan Assn., there by adding offices in Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, and Montrose.

The 35-year-old association will operate the three additional offices, as well as the present Whittier Savings offices, under the American Savings & Loan Assn. name.

"The addition of these fine long established facilities to our present organization brings our investors the greater strength of over \$80,000,000 in resources and larger reserves than ever before, as we join the ranks of the largest savings and loan associations in the entire United States," stated Taper.

Taper also announced that the Board of Directors had approved the interest rate at 3 1/2 per cent payable to all investors during the period ending July 1, 1956.

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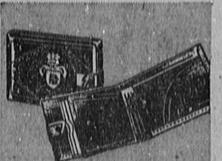
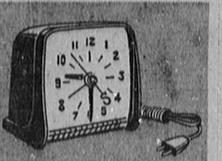
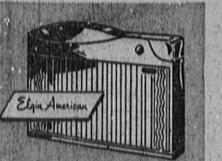
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